

On motion, ORDERED, That this house will, on to-morrow, take into consideration the bill, entitled, An act for the better security of the government.

Mr. Bowie has leave of absence, on account of the indisposition of his family.

The bill, entitled, An act to punish certain crimes, read a second time, and will pass.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

F R I D A Y, November 14, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Bowie. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act to punish certain crimes, sent to the senate by Mr. Sprigg and Mr. Ford. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the bill.

Mr. Sheredine has leave of absence till Monday week.

On a second reading the petition of Martin Harry, ORDERED, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the truth of the facts therein set forth; and Mr. Sprigg, Mr. Hughes, and Mr. Schnebely, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

The petition of Robert Richardson being read a second time, ORDERED, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the truth of the facts contained therein, and Mr. Gibson, Mr. Kent, and Mr. Henry, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the house took into consideration the bill, entitled, An act for the better security of the government; and, on motion, That disaffected persons only be required to take the oath of fidelity to the state, the previous question was called for and put, Whether the above question be now put? Carried in the negative.

The question was then put, That the test to be offered to the people of this state be general? Resolved in the affirmative.

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	Read, Plowden, Maxwell, J. Hall, Hammond,	Worthington, Tillard, Fitzhugh, Turner, Semmes,	Forbes, L. Wilson, Veazey, Ward, Alexander,	Hyland, West, Magruder, Contee, Gibson,	Kent, Earle, Holland, Purnell, Mitchell,	Thomas, Sheredine, A. Hall, Douglass, Smith.
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N E G A T I V E.

Messrs.	Ford, Winder, Henry,	Deye, Stevenson, Shepherd,	S. Chase, Brice, Edelen,	Young, H. Wilson, Bond,	J. T. Chase, Sprigg, Hughes,	Schnebely, Burgess.
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Charles Carroll, barrister, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to unite the free-schools of St. Mary's, Charles, and Prince-George's counties, which was ordered to lie on the table.

In progression on the bill, entitled, An act for the better security of the government, the question was put, That there be an alteration in the test required from quakers, menonists, and dunkers? Carried in the negative.

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messrs.	Ford, Plowden, Winder,	L. Wilson, Henry, Deye,	Stevenson, Shepherd, Contee,	Young, H. Wilson, Bond,	A Hall, Douglass, Smith,	J. T. Chase, Schnebely.
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N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Read, Maxwell, J. Hall, Hammond, Worthington, Tillard,	Fitzhugh, Somervill, Turner, Semmes, Forbes,	Veazey, Ward, Alexander, Hyland, West,	Magruder, S. Chase, Brice, Gibson, Kent,	Earle, Holland, Purnell, Mitchell, Edelen,	Thomas, Sheredine, Sprigg, Hughes, Burgess.
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In progression on the said bill, the question was put, That that part of the second section thereof, which follows in these words, "Such person shall be so far considered as an outlaw, as to be incapable of commencing or prosecuting any suit in any court of this state, for the recovery of any debt or damages; for any money or tobacco due or owing to him in his own right, unless, previous to such suit, he shall take, repeat, and subscribe, the said oath, or make, repeat, and subscribe, the said declaration, before some judge or justice; and in case of neglect thereof, the court before whom such suit shall be brought shall, *ex officio*, enter judgment of nonsuit, and thereupon," be struck out? Carried in the negative.

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